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A friend of ours on the Queen's Chapel road called in an alleged Veterinary Surgeon to attend a sick horse and the horse died. In the dispute over the bill the man got mad and charged the V. S. with not knowing much about his business. "What do you know about horses?" he asked. "Well, I ought to know something about horses," said the V. S., "my father used to sell horse radish."

This is another good reason for the passage of H. R. 9148, to regulate the practice of veterinary medicine in the District of Columbia.

There is an industrial awakening observable at present in Ireland. The passing of the local government act has benefited them in many ways, and, as a result of its operations, a syndicate is now in the course of formation for the opening up and working of granite and slate quarries in certain districts throughout the country.

A Massachusetts judge before whom a fifteen-year-old boy was convicted of forging a check, recognizing the unwisdom of the ordinary forms of punishment in a case of this kind, has sentenced the offender to banishment from the State for two years, and his father has taken him to California under the court's instructions. The case is attracting some comment, and the policy of banishing a culprit from one community and imposing him on another is receiving discussion.

The produce of farms in the United States for last year was worth to the farmers \$1,600,000,000 more than in the hard times six or eight years ago; live stock is worth \$700,000,000 more, staple crops \$400,000,000 more, and other crops \$200,000,000 more. Horses are worth one-third more than they were four years ago, milk cows forty-five per cent. more, and sheep were worth more than at any time for twenty years, the total value for the country being 140 per cent. more than in 1896.

British Canada is enjoying itself to the top of its bent these days in the glory of the imperial cause. The fly in the ointment, however, is the French Canadian, who is distinctly anti-British in his sympathies in the South African war and does not mind showing it. As a result of this the celebrations in Montreal in honor of the relief of Ladysmith have had a head and window breaking accompaniment. All this goes to show that Canada has enough problems at home to worry over without entangling itself abroad.

HOUSEHOLD MATTERS.

Important Point in Ventilation.

A significant hint in behalf of the use of lamps is found in the fact that in florists' greenhouses they are used exclusively. Gas is deadly to plant life, while burning kerosene is not. Where one is boarding and must sleep in the same room in which one sits during the evening, a lamp should invariably be used. The same rule holds good for the family sitting-room and for the rooms in which children are studying. An experiment involuntarily tried by a mother recently demonstrated the effect of the ordinary illuminating gas on the air of an apartment. In a hall bedroom a single jet was left burning unnoticed, for an hour or more, the door and window being shut. When the room was entered suddenly the air, or the want of it, was so overpowering that the person recoiled and could not cross the room, either to open the window or put the gas out, until the door had been left open for a minute or two.

The Care of Canaries.

"To the caring for canary birds," says a woman who has made a special study of birds and their diseases and is famous as a bird doctor, "do not allow them to hang in a draught, and never hang the cage out of doors, either in summer or winter. The temperature should not be allowed to fall below sixty-five degrees in the room where the bird is kept, and if necessary a covering should be put over the cage, excepting a small portion at night. Lettuce, water cress or celery tops should be fed to them frequently. When these are not easily procurable an excellent substitute is found by planting German black rape seed in a pot. The canary is extremely fond of the little plants that soon spring up. Oranges, apples and split figs are good occasionally. Gravel must be supplied in abundance. Hempseed is objectionable, as it tends to fatten the bird and thus spoil its song. If fed on proper food, kept in clean cages and given shelter from draughts, disease rarely makes its appearance."

Marketing For the Family.

Firstly, don't be tempted by very low prices, for as a rule the joints thus marked have a great deal of fat and bone, and consequently are extravagant. When buying mutton, choose the leg. It will cost a good deal in the first place, but then remember how small an amount of bone there is in it. The shoulder and neck, though both good, are very extravagant on account of the large proportion of bone. The breast is cheap in price and can be bought, for if boned, stuffed and rolled it will make a delicious and inexpensive dish.

If you have a family to provide for, choose the top side of the round of beef for Sunday's dinner. There is no bone and little fat, and you will find the cold joint useful for Monday's dinner, when much cooking is undesirable in those houses where some of the washing is done at home. For a change ribs of beef may be had. They should be boned and rolled carefully, the bones being used for soup.

A dish useful for a family is a beef-steak pie with a baked suet crust. Cut up the steak and prepare it as for a pie; then make the crust of three ounces of chopped suet, half a pound of flour, one teaspoonful baking powder, one egg and sufficient milk to make the mixture just slack enough to pour. Put into a quick oven till the crust has well risen and then keep it a moderate heat till cooked.

Pounded spinach leaves give a fine green color to soup. Parsley or the green leaves of celery put in soup will serve instead of spinach.—Washington Star.

Recipes.

Sugar Cookies—One cupful of sugar, four ounces of butter, two-thirds of a cupful of milk, three teaspoonfuls of baking-powder thoroughly mixed with three cupfuls of flour. Add enough flour to roll out. Before cutting sift the dough lightly with granulated sugar.

Fruit Pudding—Cook a cup of tapioca in three cups of boiling water until it is transparent. Put in salt to taste and half a cup of sugar. When the mixture is cold add two oranges, one banana and the half of a medium-sized pineapple and cut into dice. Serve with sweetened whipped cream.

Poached Eggs a la Chârtres—Make French toast of five slices of bread, then drop the same number of poached eggs on. Have ready a sauce made of two hard-boiled egg yolks rubbed to a powder; stir in two tablespoonfuls of melted butter, a saltspoonful of salt, a speck of cayenne, and, lastly, the juice of half a lemon. Spread this over the eggs, then surround them with a stiff tomato sauce. Serve.

Foremeat For Fish.—One-half pint crumbs, two ounces beef suet finely chopped, two tablespoonfuls parsley, also finely chopped; half-teaspoonful salt, dash of cayenne and grate of nutmeg. Moisten with a beaten egg. Take up the fish and make sauce by putting one cup of milk and half-cup of water in pan; add one saltspoonful of salt, a dash of pepper; thicken with one tablespoonful of flour. Garnish fish with sliced lemon and cress.

Figs With Baked Milk—Wash the figs carefully; cover with warm water and stand over night. Place them on the fire in the same water and stew until tender; then lift them out and boil the liquor to a sirup. The amount of sugar used will depend upon the taste of the cook; one-half pound of sugar to each pound of figs will make them rather sweet. Figs or prunes will be found richer if soaked for several hours and stewed in the same water.

Synonym For Failure.

Democratic success always means depression in business, ruin to thousands, the closing of factories in this country and increased activity for them in England, and the consequent filling of this country with idle men and the assembling of vast "industrial armies;" that is, masses of men who want to be industrious but are debarr'd by Democratic policies. So well is this understood that some years ago to say that a business enterprise had "gone Democratic" was recognized as the same thing as saying that it had failed. The experience of the country with Republican prosperity following the long gloom of Democratic business depression all over the country has given emphasis to that saying.

A BUSINESS POINTER.

Several Washington merchants are afraid to invite the trade of suburban people for fear it might offend some of their city customers who don't consider it "the proper thing" to be seen in a store with country people. They want the cash of country people when the same can be secured without any outward sign of a desire to reach out for it. One of the largest hardware firms in the city recently refused to advertise in the columns of the *Citizen* and gave the following reason: "We're not out after suburban business for the reason that we consider the trade of the people of Virginia and Maryland not particularly desirable." Gustave Hartig, the hardware man of 509 and 511 H Street, N. E., is of a different opinion. He wants the trade of country people and he is getting it. When you deal with him you are dealing with a square business man and a friend.

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Large Dam Burst and Lower Part of Austin was Inundated—Force of Water was Like the Johnstown Flood and Carried Death and Destruction in its Course—Whole Families Gone.

Austin, Tex., (Special).—As the result of a flood that has never been paralleled in this country except by the Johnstown disaster, Austin, the capital city of Texas, lost \$1,400,000 worth of municipal property. The lower portion of the city was inundated, fully 100 houses along the river have been swept away and 10 lives are known to have been lost, and messages from up and down the river report the drowning of 82 persons in all.

The flood is one without a parallel in the history of the State, exceeding in point of danger and in sectional losses the great Brasos Bottom flood of last spring.

It began raining on the watersheds of the Colorado River as far north as the Concho River, some 125 miles north of here, on Wednesday night, and never ceased until Saturday morning. From midnight until daylight so terrific was the downpour that crocks were transformed into surging torrents, and rivers were swollen to a width of a mile. It is estimated that within an hour four inches of rain fell in this immediate vicinity. By daylight it became evident that the situation was serious. The river began rising three feet an hour, and by 10 o'clock it had increased to four feet.

The situation at the city's power station, above the city, became serious from the very first. The immense dam spanning the river 1,200 feet long and 60 feet high, with the powerhouse and three-quarters of a million of dollars' worth of machinery located alongside was threatened from the very first. The water rose so rapidly that the powerhouse would be inundated within a short time.

The surging torrent bore on its crest tons and tons of trees, houses and debris by the wagon load. All this immense mass was piled upon the dam, very rapidly forming a solid mass 20 feet high and 1,000 feet thick, over which the water surged and fretted before taking its 60-foot plunge.

So terrible was the strain that it was evident that the dam must give way.

At 11:15 exactly the crash came, and a slice of granite 8 feet thick, 25 feet in depth and 600 feet long rolled out of the middle of the dam and into the river below as though it had been prised out with a crowbar. This released the immense quantity of debris, trees and houses and the vast volume of water, and within a thrice it was following on its way down the river, carrying death and destruction in its wake.

Just below the dam were located eight families of poor people, numbering some five and six apiece, who camped and fished for their living. All of these disappeared with the breaking of the dam and have not been heard of since.

Eight men standing on the edge of the river when the dam broke were caught and swept into the torrent, but were rescued a quarter of a mile down the river more dead than alive. In addition to this list there were eight of the employees caught in the powerhouse and drowned like so many rats in a hole.

Reports from below, along the river valley, is that the waters have engulfed everything, and houses, live stock and human lives have been forfeited. No accurate reports can be had, as the excitement is so intense that no names can be secured. It is feared, however, that hundreds of lives have been lost.

A Realistic Novel.

Mrs. Blazay—I've just been reading "A Sea of Troubles." How true to life it is!

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